

After roll call of officers, directors, and advisors, under Old Business:

Rick L. read April 2 minutes. David followed up, thanking everyone for helping in Chicago. OSC had a good presence. This gives results.

OSC got 44 new and renewal memberships; bottom line – visibility = results.

David wrote an article for NMRA Magazine: “O Positive” for O-Scale” A thank you to NMRA editor and staff for a good feature. Dave- this may be

a new time for rights to reprint the article for OSC use. April 30 – John Wubbbel did On Line program. The program featured Scott Mann, CEO of Sunset 3-RD Rail.

There was an active discussion. Scott gave a good handle on manufacturer’s viewpoints.

Indianapolis multi-region convention: Jim Canter is bringing his modular layout. David will be doing 2 clinics (twice).

A – “Fresh Look at O 2 Rail”

B – “Memories of John Armstrong”

When David gives his intro to 2 rail, we will give the first 10 attendees a free Intermountain kit. 16 complete kits are going to Indy.

David: one guy who made Chicago work is David Schultz. Tonight he is an observer.

Nick and Bruce B. have the numbers on successive annual memberships.

David V. – There are issues with getting membership dues and applications processed.

2023 Convention update:

Bob K., a good friend of David Schultz, will make a second deposit with the hotel. Bob is working to do convention registration forms. The NMRA Design S.I.G. will be two workshops on mid-size layouts; organic and mechanical layout designs.

There will be a web update on Thursday, 12.

A communications group will be set up. Bob K., John Garberg, and Michelle K. will get together.

Happy Birthday to Bob K.’s wife.

Michelle – working on a rail tour after the Denver convention. The Rocky Mountain Train Show has advertised the 2023 National.

David – Q- have the convention cars been put up on the website? Michelle – Yes. The cars will be \$10 higher than Chicago. San Juan Manufacturing will help.

New Business

Joe Barker is a multi-scaler who is active with the forum. On April 15 he put out a questionnaire:

Q- Why isn’t O-Scale more popular?

Q - What can be done to make it more popular?

Joe got 200 responses. Also asked: what are the detriments to OS 2 R? He got four major responses:

Lack of space, big radiuses, and size of turnouts

Control systems – can't find many installed DCC locos. Note: Scott Mann puts in DCC.

Product availability – only a small part of Atlas's catalog is 2 rail. Lionel has no 2 rail in their catalog.

Expense – Joe B. doesn't think it O costs much more than HO.

Eric P. – He can run full passenger cars with 4 foot radius. Regarding control systems, Jim Canter runs DCC.

Conclusion: Visibility is the issue. People don't see 0-Scale 2 rail very much. Joe B. agrees.